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FILTER SEGMENTS

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

The following documents were cited in a Chinese Office Action in a counterpart Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action in the English language is enclosed. In particular, the Chinese Examiner cited:

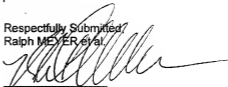
- (1) International Publication No. WO 96/39880 published December 19, 1996. As a copy of this document was previously submitted to the Examiner, this document is not being cited here.

Accordingly, the Examiner is invited to consider these previously cited documents in light of the Chinese Examiner's comments. As no new documents

are being submitted at this time, Applicants submit no fee is due nor is any certification.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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